suitable for our country instead of importing such technology; and

(b) if so, the details of the such plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) In the policy statement for Abatement of Pollution industries are required to develop and apply the best available practicable technology, particularly clean technologies which produce low or no-waste for reducing the pollution load. While there is no plan of the Government to import any particular process or control technology, the industries may import relevant technologies.

Buying of American Environment Technology

2373. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to buy American environmental technologies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) whether it would include environmental audit, waste management, clean production, technologies, ground water remediation and technology for common effluent treatment etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Steps have been initiated for obtaining financial assistance from the U.S. International Development Agency for pollution control projects. The details have not been finalised.

Water Quality Management for Damodar River System

2374, SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :

WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that water quality management for the Damodar river system is causing havoc in the down stream area;

(b) whether this situation is man made;
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(c) if so, the steps to be taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) :

(a) to (c) Pollution from domestic wastes coupled with untreated industrial discharge has resulted in the heavy pollution of the Damodar river. The Government have already taken a number of steps for control of pollution in the Damodar basin : —

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ii) Environment guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

(iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to limit the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated standards:

(iv) The Central Government, in consultation with the State Government, have prepared an action plan *to* meet the effluent and emission standards for polluting industries;

(v) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of polluting industries from congested areas;

(vi) Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants;

(viii) A proposal has been prepared for including the cleaning up of the Damodar river in the second phase of the Ganga Action Plan. A commitment of the West Bengal Government sharing 50% of the cost has also been received.

Violation of Forest Conservation Act in Karnataka

2375. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 18th September 1992 regarding violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) A news item has appeared in Indian Express dated 17th September, 1992 regarding alleged violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Karnataka. Detailed report in this regard has been sought from Karnataka State Government and State Government have been asked to cancel all allotment orders issued, if any, on forest land under 'ASHRAYA' scheme, in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

वनों में जन्तुओं की संख्या में कमी

2376. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के वनों में वन्य प्राणियों, पक्षियों और जन्तुओं आदि की संख्या घटती जा रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि जिन कर्मचारियों को वनों की निगरानी करने का कार्य सौंपा गया है वे ही शिकार-चोरों को संरक्षण देते हैं; और

(ग) सरकार का इस स्थिति को नियंत्रित करने के लिए क्या कार्रवाही करने का विचार है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Gangii Action Plan

2377. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it. is a fact that Japan,. Holland, Britain and the World Bank are ready to lend India Rs. 650 crore for the second phase of the Ganga Action Plan but the State Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have not prepared detailed plans on how the Ganga and its major tributaries are to be cleaned up;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) On the basis of proposals prepared by the Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Government of Japan only has pledged a soft loan of Yen 17.77 billion (equivalent to Rs. 401 crores) for the pollution abatement of river Yamuna as part of second phase of the Ganga Action Plan.

(b) and (c) Proposals for the other components of the second phase of Ganga Action Plan are under formulation by the concerned State Governments.

Project for development *of* forests of Andhra Pradesh

2378. DR. NARRBDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any project for the development of forests with the World Bank assistance to the tune of Rs. 350 crores :

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project has been sanctioned;